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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. DIITZ: SINCE I HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY WORD TO THE
CONTRARY FROM YOU, I PASSED TO DINITZ THIS AFTERNOON THE
LINE I SUGGESTED IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF TOSEC 20076. HE TOOK IT
WITHOUT ARGUMENT AND SAID THAT HE WOULD NOW CONSULT WITH
JERUSALEM ON WHETHER THE PLANE SHOULD BE RETURNED EMPTY
OR HELD FOR A POSSIBLE AFFIRMATIVE DECISION AFTER THE
PRESIDENT'S RETURN. HE THEN WENT ON TO TELL ME THAT HE
HAD BEEN ASKED TO PASS TO YOU THE FACT THAT RABIN HELD A
MEETING LAST NIGHT WITH KING HUSSEIN. ACCORDING TO HIS
REPORT THERE IS NOTHING URGENT TO CONVEY FROM THAT MEETING
BUT RABIN WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT IT HAD TAKEN PLACE AND
TO ASSURE YOU THAT HE WILL GIVE YOU THE DETAILS WHEN HE
SEES YOU. IN ADDITION DINITZ ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THAT
RABIN, IN ORDER TO COUNTERACT THE EARLIER TERRENCE SMITH
ARTICLE, HAS NOW SAID PUBLICLY THAT ISRAEL IS READY TO
BE FLEXIBLE IF EGYPT IS READY TO BE FLEXIBLE. THE STATED
PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC DECLARATION IS TO TAKE THE EDGE

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OFF THE SMITH REPORT THAT THE LETTER OF THE 76 HAS

ENCOURAGED ISRAELI INFLEXIBILITY.

2. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENTS OVER THE COURSE OF THE DAY, YOU

SHOULD KNOW THAT PETE LAKELAND (AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE) ON JAVITS STAFF STOPPED BY TO TELL ME THAT WE SHOULD BE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE GROWING UNHAPPINESS IN THE CONGRESS -- AND PARTICULARLY THE SENATE -- OVER YOUR FAILURE TO CONSULT AS WE PROCEED WITH THE REASSESSMENT. HE ARGUED THAT THERE IS INCREASING UNHAPPINESS IN THE SFRC OVER YOUR ALLEGED APPARENT DISINTEREST IN SEEKING THE COMMITTEE'S VIEWS PRIOR TO THE CONCLUSION OF THE REASSESSMENT. LAKELAND ALSO TOLD ME, HOWEVER, THAT JAVITS HAD, AS A RESULT OF THE TERRENCE SMITH ARTICLE, LEVIED A "VERY SEVERE" PROTEST WITH DINITZ OVER RABIN'S STATED VIEW THAT THE LETTER VINDICATES ISRAEL'S REFUSAL TO COMPROMISE FURTHER. AS TO THE COMPLAINT ABOUT OUR FAILURE TO CONSULT, I CANNOT GIVE YOU ANY VERY EDUCATED ESTIMATE AS TO LAKELAND'S CLAIM THAT THE SFRC IS UNHAPPY. I AM PREPARED TO PURSUE IT FURTHER WITH SOME FRIENDS OF MINE ON THE COMMITTEE STAFF AS WELL AS SOME FRIENDS WHO ARE ON THE STAFFS OF THE VARIOUS INDIVIDUAL SENATORS, BUT AM RELUCTANT TO DO SO (SINCE IT MIGHT STIR UP THE ISSUE) WITHOUT YOUR OK.

3. I HAD LUNCH WITH SCOTTY RESTON TODAY AT HIS INVITATION TO DISCUSS YOUR IEA AND OECD SPEECHES. HE IS VERY INTERESTED IN BOTH OF THEM AND WILL BE DOING A PIECE ON THEM WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR SO. I HESITATE TO REPORT THIS TO YOU UNTIL I SEE HOW THE ARTICLE COMES OUT SINCE I -- PERHAPS UNWISELY -- WENT INTO SOME DETAIL ON THE POSITIONS OF THE VARIOUS PLAYERS (HE ALREADY KNEW THAT THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL OPPOSITION TO THE LINE YOU HAD TAKEN IN BOTH SPEECHES). I HAVE NO QUESTION THAT THE ARTICLE WILL BE SUPPORTIVE OF YOU AND THE PRESIDENT BUT IT MAY CAUSE SOME GAS PAINS WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CABINET AND THE EPB. IF IT DOES, I CAN ONLY SUGGEST THAT YOU CLAIM TOTAL INNOCENCE SINCE YOU ARE OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND FIRE ME IF YOU THINK IT ESSENTIAL. THE POINT OF THIS REPORT ON THE RESTON LUNCH, HOWEVER, IS

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THAT HE WAS VERY INTERESTING ON THE ISRAELI QUESTION. HE SAYS THAT THE NEW YORK TIMES HAS A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT FROM TERRENCE SMITH THAT SMITH IS ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED THAT THE LETTER OF THE 76 WAS WRITTEN BY THE ISRAELI EMBASSY HERE AND THAT, IN FACT, DRAFTS OF THE LETTER WENT BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND THE HILL FOR SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE THE FINAL DOCUMENT WAS SIGNED AND RELEASED.

ONE OTHER POINT FROM THE RESTON LUNCH: SCOTTY SAID THAT HE HAD A LONG TALK TODAY WITH MIKE MANSFIELD AND THAT THE LATTER WAS EXTREMELY REPEAT EXTREMELY COMPLIMENTARY TOWARD YOU AND THE PRESIDENT. HE TOLD RESTON THAT HE DEEPLY BELIEVED THAT WHAT YOU AND FORD WERE DOING WAS "TERRIBLY IMPORTANT FOR THE COUNTRY" AND THAT THE PRESIDENT IS DOING A SUPERB JOB. MANSFIELD, ACCORDING TO RESTON, SAID "SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL HAS HAPPENED TO GERRY FORD," AND WENT ON TO SAY THAT WHILE THIS MIGHT BE BAD FOR HIS PARTY IT WAS CERTAINLY IN THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY. MANSFIELD ALSO TOLD RESTON THAT HE HAD NO INTENTION OF PUSHING THE ADMINISTRATION THIS YEAR ON TROOPS IN EUROPE BECAUSE YOU AND THE PRESIDENT WERE TRYING TO DO SOME "REAL THINGS" AND HE DID NOT WANT TO TORPEDO THIS EFFORT. HE ALSO INDICATED TO RESTON THAT THIS POSITION ON HIS PART WAS BRINGING HIM UNDER INCREASING DEMOCRATIC CRITICISM, PARTICULARLY FROM THE NEWER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. PARENTHETICALLY, I SHOULD TELL YOU THAT I HAVE NEVER HEARD SCOTTY MORE COMPLIMENTARY OR SUPPORTIVE OF YOU THAN HE WAS AT THE LUNCH TODAY.

4. GUIDO GOLDMAN: GUIDO SUGGESTS A BRUNCH AT THE WALDORF WITH KLUTZNICK AND HIS GROUP AT ABOUT 11:30 ON THE 15TH. HE SAYS THAT THEIR TENTATIVE PLAN NOW IS TO HAVE THE GROUP MEET FOR ABOUT AN HOUR BEFORE YOU JOIN THEM AT 11:30, UNLESS YOU WOULD OBJECT TO THIS. GUIDO PROMISED TO PROVIDE ME WITH A LIST OF THE PARTICIPANTS BY JUNE 4.

5. GRAHAM MARTIN: BRENT MAY ALREADY HAVE TOLD YOU THAT I HAVE PICKED UP SOME REPORTS THAT MARTIN MAY BE HANGING AROUND ITALY IN THE HOPE THAT HE MAY INVEIGLE HIS WAY ON
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TO THE PRESIDENT'S PLANE FOR THE RETURN FLIGHT TO THE STATES. I STRONGLY REPEAT STRONGLY ADVISE THAT SHOULD HE MAKE AN ATTEMPT AT THIS HE BE REBUFFED.

6. JOE KRAFT HAS ASKED AGAIN ABOUT HIS VISIT TO THE PRC. YOU WILL RECALL THAT I RAISED THIS WITH YOU ON YOUR LAST TRIP. SHOULD I BE DOING ANYTHING TO INDICATE TO THE LIAISON OFFICE HERE OUR INTEREST IN SMOOTHING THE WAY?

ALSO ON KRAFT, HE ASKED ME TODAY WHY YOU HAD BEEN SO EXPLICIT WITH MURRAY MARDER, MARVIN KALB, ETC., ON THE SOVIET MIRVING OF THE SS-18. HE SAID HE COULD UNDERSTAND WHY YOU MIGHT HAVE RAISED THIS WITH GROMYKO, BUT DID NOT UNDERSTAND YOUR MOTIVATION IN DISCUSSING IT, EVEN ON A BACKGROUND BASIS, WITH U.S. NEWSMEN. I PLED

TOTAL IGNORANCE (THIS TIME LEGITIMATELY). IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT ME TO TELL HIM?

7. THAILAND: WE HAVE HAD REPEATED TO YOU BANGKOK 9678

WHICH REPORTS ON WHITEHOUSE'S CONVERSATION WITH PANYARACHUN. I FOUND IT REMARKABLY LACKING IN ANY

DEMONSTRATION OF BACKBONE. I PARTICULARLY FOUND IT WEAK IN TERMS OF THE REPORT WE RECEIVED TODAY (SECTO 2035) OF YOUR CONVERSATION WITH FM MIYAZAWA IN WHICH YOU ARE REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT WHILE WE PLAN TO ACCELERATE THE REDUCTION OF OUR MILITARY PRESENCE IN THAILAND, IT WILL ONLY BE IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS BY THE THAI GOVERNMENT. IF I MAY BE SO BOLD, I WOULD SUGGEST A MESSAGE FROM YOU TO WHITEHOUSE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: BEGIN TEXT I HAVE READ WITH INTEREST THE REPORT OF YOUR CONVERSATION WITH PANYARACHUN AND MUST TELL YOU IN ALL CANDOR THAT I THOUGHT YOU WERE UNNECESSARILY PLACID IN THE FACE OF HIS POSTURING. TRUE, OUR POSITION IS, AND SHOULD BE SO STATED IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THAI OFFICIALS, THAT WE WILL REDUCE OUR MILITARY PRESENCE IN THAILAND IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS BY THE THAI GOVERNMENT. BUT I THINK IT IS ALSO INCUMBENT UPON US TO POINT OUT TO THE THAI THAT THE MILITARY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US IS AND HAS BEEN OF VALUE TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS AND THAT THAILAND
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MUST UNDERSTAND THAT AS THAT PRESENCE IS REDUCED, THAI INTERESTS MUST INEVITABLY SUFFER. WE HOPE THAT THE RTG UNDERSTANDS THAT AND RECOGNIZES THAT THEY MUST EXPECT LESS OF US AS A RESULT OF THE CHANGE IN THE RELATIONSHIP.

FURTHER, YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT I DO NOT INTEND TO PERMIT THE USG TO "PRESENT A PLAN FOR WITHDRAWAL AND BASE CLOSURES." WE WILL BE RESPONSIVE TO THAI REQUESTS, BUT WE WILL NOT BE PREPARED TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF OUR OWN.

AS TO INTELLIGENCE COLLABORATION, YOU SHOULD ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT WE WILL NOT BE APOLOGETIC ABOUT IT, SINCE THE THAI HAVE BENEFITTED AT LEAST AS MUCH AS WE. IN FACT, "TRUCULENCE" ON THE PART OF YOUR THAI INTERLOCUTORS SHOULD BE MET, AT A MINIMUM, WITH FIRMNESS ON YOUR PART AND PERHAPS A LITTLE TRUCULENCE OF YOUR OWN.END TEXT

THE ABOVE MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENTLY ON THE MARK FOR YOU, BUT I DO THINK IT IMPORTANT THAT YOU LET WHITEHOUSE KNOW NOW THAT THE LITTLE LORD FAUNTLEROY APPROACH HE DEMONSTRATED IS NOT THE SORT OF PERFORMANCE YOU EXPECT. INGERSOLL

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